

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 18, 2007 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 10, 12-16, 35-39, 50, 51 and 53-68 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added. Claims 2 and 52 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-10, 12-16, 35-39, 49-51, and 53-68 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 4-9, 49 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrunia (U.S. Patent 5,212,761) in view of Arasi, Jr. (U.S. Patent 4,652,072). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, but have amended claim 1 and cancelled claim 52 to advance this application to allowance.

Claim has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 2. Applicants submit that independent claim 1, and dependent claims 4-9 and 49 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10, 12-16, 35-39 and 53-68 are allowed. The Examiner objected to claims 2 and 3, but indicated that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification.

Objected-to claim 2 has been incorporated into base claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1, 3-10, 12-16, 35-39, 49-51, and 53-68) is in condition for allowance and notification to that

effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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Respectfully submitted,

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